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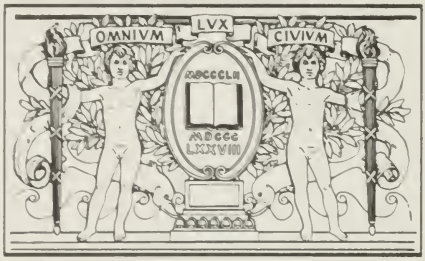

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EXPLANATION OF NUMBERING

Each child born into a Besse family is assigned a number (unless nothing further is to be recorded about him). This is the small number in ( ). When he again appears—as a parent—he is again identified by the same number but in large type, the number being moved to the column further to the left. It thus becomes easy to follow any individual either forward or back. The Roman numerals indicate the order of births in a single family only.

Only the lines of descendants with the surname Besse have been recorded, though marriages of daughters are noted.

FOREWORD

Being now in my eighty-first year it seems prudent to organize and distribute my genealogical notes. They are not complete nor sufficiently well documented but they may serve as a useful base for further research. Two problems have not been included: (1) Who was John Bessey who married Joanna Brooks in Marshfield, 1687, and had children Martha, John, Elijah, Mary and Elisha? and (2) Who was Richard Besse of Virginia with wife Elizabeth mentioned in the will of Joseph Holland of London Dec. 1658 as his daughter? The descendants of daughters is a whole project in itself, and it is to be hoped that some one will want to carry on to correct and augment what is here.

FLORENCE BESSE BALLANTINE

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Chapter I

First Three Generations

1. ANTHONY BESSE
b. 1609
d. 1656/7
m. Jane m. (2) George Barlow She died 1693
Children b. Sandwich
i. Dorcas
ii. Ann m. Andrew Hallett
(2) iii. Nehemiah
(3) iv. David
v. Mary
vi. Jane
vii. Elizabeth m. Joseph Bodfish, 1674
viii. Rebecca m. William Hunter, 1671

2. NEHEMIAH
b. (c) 1641
m. Mary Ransom (c) 1680,
dau. of Robert and Abigail Ransom
Children b. Sandwich
i. Mary b(c)1681 m. Benjamin Curtis
ii. Nehemiah b. 1682 d. before 1737
iii. Hannah b. 1684
m. Oct. 1, 1708, Thomas Jones (Sandwich)
(4) iv. Robert b. 1690 m. Ruth Pray,
dau. Ephraim and Elizabeth Hayden Pray
(Braintree)
v. Joshua b. 1692
(5) vi. David b. 1693 m. Mary Pray, sister of Ruth
(6) vii. Benjamin b. 1696 m. Martha
(7) viii. Ebenezer b. 1699 m. Deborah

3 DAVID
b. May 23, 1649
d. 1676, killed in Battle at Rehoboth, King Phillips War

Sons of Nehemiah

4. ROBERT
b. 1690, Sandwich
m. Ruth Pray
i. Ephraim bap. July 6, 1742
(8) ii. Jabez b. (c) 1727

5. DAVID
b. 1693
d. 1738
m. Mary Pray dau. of Ephraim and
Elizabeth Hayden Pray of Braintree
She m. 2nd Jirah Swift and d. 1772

(9) i. David b. 1718 d. 1784 m. Dinah Muxom
(10) ii. Joshua b. 1719 bap. 1742 m. Lydia Saunders 1743
iii. Lydia b. (c) 1721 m. Samuel Leonard July 7, 1748
iv. John b. (c) 1723
v. Mary b. (c) 1724
vi. Silas b. (c) 1725
vii. Samuel b. Dec. 10, 1726 Killed at Louisburgh.
(11) viii. Nehemiah b. Aug. 7, 1729 m. Sarah Perry 1748
ix. Thankful b. Nov. 10, 1727 m. 1744 Nathan Leonard

6. BENJAMIN
b. 1696, Sept. 20 d, ...
m. Martha
i. Elizabeth b. Dec. 4, 1726 m. Samuel Briggs
(12) ii. Benjamin Jr. b. (c) 1735 d. after 1793
(13) iii. Joseph b. (c) 1736
iv. Sarah bap. 1744, Aug. 5
(14) v. Nathaniel bap 1744
vi. Martha
vii. Barzillia b. May 12, 1745
(15) viii. Barzillia bap. June 5, 1748 m. Lucy Barrows, Nov. 16, 1769 d. 1813 at Plymouth

7. EBENEZER
b. 1699 April 30
m. Deborah she m. 2nd Samuel Burgess as his 2nd wife
i. Ann B. b. Dec. 16, 1739 bap. July 28, 1740 m. Constant Sturtevant
ii. Ruth bap. Oct. 12, 1740 m. Jabez Besse
(16) iii. Reuben bap. June 16, 1745 m. Keziah Handy, Jan. 7, 1768

ANTHONY BESSE 1609 - 1656

When Anthony Besse crossed the Atlantic to America in 1635 on board the "James" he was registered among the passengers as 26 years of age, and was certified "for conformity in religion and that he was no subsidy man." He lived briefly in Lynn, then moved to Sandwich where he remained until he died in 1656/7 (his will, is dated Feb. 10, 1656, proved June 3, 1657). This will which in all probability he wrote himself, and a letter which remains, show him to have been educated and gently reared. The entries in Sandwich annals record his participation in public affairs and his modest contributions to the projects of building a mill and a meeting house, and of securing a minister. He was before the court only once and that for "disorderly keeping house alone" in 1638 when he must have

been trying to make a place ready for a wife. He received .01 acre in the 1641 division of Sandwich meadow lands, and in 1643 was declared liable to bear arms. He was much concerned for the welfare of Indians, working with the minister, Mr. Leverech, as a lay preacher. He wrote "Concerning the Indians I have seen and heard more this summer than ever I did before. I have seen some Indians crave a blessing before meat and return thanks after meat, pray morning and evening, some of them do frequent our meetings, they come constantly eight or ten miles every Saturday and the Monday they return home again, while our Exercise doth last they attend diligently. Mr. Leverich hath an Indian that speaks good English and he is interpreter. There is a man that lives near us that comes from an Island that is called Martha's Vineyard where is a minister that speaks good Indian he doth preach to them every week and hath told me that that minister told him there are some of them, Indians, that are able to give a better reason of their Faith than some of the members of their church; some of them will preach and they have private meetings and keep very good orders.

Sandwich 22 Sept 1651 Anthony Besse"

His will follows—

"To Jane, my wife, three cowes viz. blacking, moose and cherry, and three yearlings and one yearling steer that Dorcas my daughter hath given unto Jane my wife. I give her likewise my bed with the appurtenances.

To Dorcas my daughter two heifers formerly deposed to her viz.—Nubbin and Spark and one more now which we call Young Moose.

To Ann my daughter one heifer which we call Pretty.

To Nehemiah my son one heifer deposed to him called Coll.

I give my house and land now possessed by me unto my two sonnes viz. Nehemiah and David and two steers likewise to them both viz. Burnett and Raven.

To Nehemiah my gun, my cutlas and my boats.

All my wearing clothes should be equally divided betwixt my two sonnes and also all the meadow I have.

To my daughter Mary one heifer we call Daysey.

To my daughter Elizabeth one ewe lamb which is in Mr. Edward Dillingham's hands.

For my debts owing to others there is as much owing to us by others as will discharge it the which I leave with my wife to receive and satisfy wher I owe. likewise in case my mother send any thinge over to me as formerly she hath Don that it be

Disposed of among my family in general; furthermore for any moveables not formerly mentioned as household stuffe or the like I leave it amongst the family until my wife shall marry and then to be Divided amongst my children. likewise my will is that soe long as my wife remains in her widowhood to Enjoy the benefit of the house and land and children's cattle until they come of age but in case she marry then the five bigest to be put forth and their cattle with them according to the Discretion of the overseers. Moreover for the little one my wife goeth with that my wife give to it a portion if God give it life for the which I have given the more to my wife. furthermore I leave my wife the exequitor of this will. and my loving friends James Skeffe and Richard Bourne to be overseers of this my will." From Mayflower Descendants

Between the writing of this will (1656) and the writing of Jane's will in 1693 when she had become the wife of George Barlow, Dorcas, Mary, Jane and David had probably died. She mentions only Ann Hallett, Elizabeth Bodfish, Nehemiah Besse, Rebecca Hunter, John Barlow and Nathan Barlow. The surname and age of Jane are not known.

It is of course impossible to recapture the personality of Anthony from the few details we have, but the pattern which he set of inconspicuous participation in public welfare, the habit of church association, dependence on contact with the land and sea, and a careful, tranquil domestic life seems clear, and it has persisted as characteristic of many of his descendants.

Anthony's son DAVID died 1676 in the battle against the Indians at Rehoboth. "Early Rehoboth" by Richard Bowen quotes a letter signed by Noah Newman and dated 1/27/1676 "52 of English slain and 11 Indians 5 English from Sandwich were Benjamin Nye, David Bessey, Caleb Blaike, Joe Gibbs and Stephen Wing."

Ann Besse married Andrew Hallett, gentleman, presumably as his second wife soon after 1661 when she and her sister Dorcas were before the court on charges of ill treating their step father. Ann confessed that she had. Both girls were unmarried at the time and suffering from the severity of Barlow.

Elizabeth Besse married Joseph Bodfish and had 12 children.

Rebecca married William Hunter of Barnstable.

2. NEHEMIAH

Nehemiah, the only remaining son of Anthony and Jane must have been born as early as 1641 as he was on the list of owners of land in 1658. Other Sandwich entries are

1662 "of full age to enter upon the possession of such lands as his father left him."

1675 On the town list.
1681 Took oath of allegiance
1702 List of Freemen.

According to Massachusetts records a Nehemiah Besse was awarded a grant of land in Hatfield (1737) for services in the Indian wars. It was claimed by Robert Besse as the eldest son, Nehemiah having died.

Nehemiah married Mary Ransom (c) 1680 the daughter of Robert and Abigail Ransom of Sandwich. They had eight children. (The settlement of the estate of Robert Ransom dated 14 Dec. 1697 included among other items "a horse and saddle and arms he gave to his grandson, Nehemiah Busse before he died").

It seems unlikely that all these items apply to one Nehemiah, also that Nehemiah b. 1641 or before should have had no children until he was 39 and then have had eight. However there is no record of the birth, death, marriage or children of another Nehemiah and I have therefor followed the traditional listing as though there were only one, and it is certain that Nehemiah who married Mary Ransom was either the son or grandson of Anthony.

Two other items from Sandwich should be mentioned. In 1663 Nehemiah Besse "for drinking tobacco at the meeting house in Sandwich on the Lords Day was fined 5 shillings" (drinking tobacco seems to have meant 'inhaling') and in 1677 the Town of Sandwich voted "to pay Nehemiah Besse 4 shillings 6 pence for several things"!

Nehemiah and Mary had six sons and two daughters all registered at Sandwich. The marriages of both daughters and two of the sons are recorded. Children are registered born to Robert, David, Benjamin and Ebenezer. No record of any kind has been found for Nehemiah or Joshua. One of them may have married Jane Landers, mentioned in her brother's will as 'my sister Jane Besse'. No other notation of a Jane Besse of this time has been found and the name of her husband remains a mystery.

4. ROBERT

Robert, the eldest son of Nehemiah and Mary, and his wife Ruth were baptised April 18, 1742, and admitted to membership in the recently established Congregational Church of Wareham. At the same time their two sons, Ephraim and Jabez were also baptised. In 1752 they were dismissed to the church in Sharon, Connecticut, where their former neighbors, the Landers, were living. Either before or after their Sharon expedition their place of residence in Agawam is described in

a deed from Micah Gibbs dated 1725 "The 6th lot in the 3rd Division between Muddy Cove and the Little Herring River bounded by a house where Robert Besse lately dwelt". He seems to have been somewhat in demand as a substitute fighter for men who had been "impressed" into service. In 1748 "Judah Swift and Joseph Doty and Edward Rayment impressed and hired Robert Besse for 55 pounds" (Colonial Times in Buzzards Bay by Bliss). And in 1740 "Robert Besse was impressed and Nathan Briggs man. Nathan Briggs gave Robert Besse 15 pounds old tenor and Robert Besse went to the Eastward" (which usually meant Maine). Roberts grandsons moved to Maine and it is possible that he did, too. There seems to be no record of him in Wareham or Sharon after 1752.

5. DAVID

David, the brother of Robert married in Sandwich and lived there until sometime between 1719 and 1726. The two eldest children were registered as born 1718 and 1719 in Sandwich; the three youngest as born in Plymouth (county, not necessarily township) 1726, 1727, 1729. The births of four children between 1719 and 1726 are not recorded but all are mentioned in David's will. By the time this was written April 6, 1738 he describes himself as "of Rochester". He had accumulated considerable property for he gives to his two oldest sons, David and Joshua all his land and meadow, houses and buildings in Agawam, Rochester and Plymouth, and to his son Nehemiah all his land in Sandwich. Samuel and Silas were still under age, as he stipulates that they are to have 5 pounds apiece when they reach 21 — his daughters 10 pounds and "all the movable effects I am possessed of within doors". John is also to have 5 pounds when he reaches 21, but he seems to have been in a different category from the others, suggesting that he may have been an adopted son. David instructs his wife in the "keeping and providing for four sons, Joshua and Samuel and Nehemiah and Silas and her three daughters, my sons and daughters, sufficient food and rayment and education in reading until they come to the age of sixteen years and to bind and put out my three younger sons, Samuel and Nehemiah and Silas unto some convenient trade".

David was baptised January 10, 1738/39, his wife August 12, 1739, and his children November 1739 all in the church at Rochester. His widow Mary married Jirah Swift as his 2nd wife in 1741 and died 1772 (church record in Wareham).

A Samuel Besse, probably the son of David, went with the forces to Canada and died 1745 in the siege of Louisburg.

6. BENJAMIN

Little is known of Benjamin except that he was born September 20, 1696 in Sandwich and married Martha (surname unknown). They presumably were the parents of a son Benjamin Jr. b. 1735. Martha died May 20, 1750 (church rec.). A marriage is recorded of a Benjamin Besse to Margaret Chubbuck June 1754 (church rec.) but it is not known whether he was the widower of Martha.

7. EBENEZER

Ebenezer also is a rather shadowy figure, b. 1699 in Sandwich, settled in Wareham and married to Deborah (surname unknown). They had three children whose births are recorded. Deborah probably married 2nd Samuel Burge as his second wife.

Chapter II

Fourth Generation

SECTION (1) DESCENDANTS OF ROBERT

8. JABEZ
   b. 1727
   d. 1804 (will dated 1801)
   m. Sept. 28, 1752 Margery Norris

(17) i. Ebenezer b. (c) 1737 bap. May 19, 1754
ii. Mary b. (c) 1739 bap. Mar. 21, 1756
iii. Ruth bap. Nov. 26, 1758 m. 1781 Thos. Bates
iv. Margery bap. April 19, 1761

(18) v. Jabez Jr. bap. July 1763
vi. Bethia bap. Apr. 17, 1768 m. Thos. Barrows 1790
vii. Patience bap. Dec. 9, 1770 m. Abraham Gifford
viii. Ephraim ix. Solomon

SECTION (2) DESCENDANTS OF DAVID

9. DAVID
   b. 1718
   d. 1784 (Wareham ch. rec.)
   m. Dinah Muxom, dau. Samuel & Hannah Perry Muxom
   She died 1765 ae 57 yrs.
   He m. 2nd Experience Snow, Aug. 31, 1769

(19) i. Jabez b. Nov. 7, 1738 m. Ruth Besse
ii. Elizabeth b. Mar. 11, 1741
m. Ebenezer Tomson Jr., 1760 (Halifax)

(20) iii. David b. May 11, 1743
m. Jedidah Burgess, May 12, 1763
iv. Rebecca b. Feb. 24, 1745 bap. 1745
m. David Muxom, Mar. 8, 1767
v. Samuel b. Feb. 18, 1752 Died in Rev. War.

10. JOSHUA
    b. 1719, Sandwich
    m. Lydia Saunders (or Landers)
    d. .....

(21) i. John b. Nov. 9, 1744
ii. Joshua bap. Oct. 12, 1748 d. Dec. 18, 1754 in 7th yr.

(22) iii. Joshua bap. Oct. 12, 1755

(23) iv. Silas b. 1758 d. 1846 ae 87 (cemetery)
m. Abigail Bates

11. NEHEMIAH
    b. 1729 d. .....
    m. Oct. 25, 1748, Sarah Perry
    Anthony m. Molly Holmes
    i. Nehemiah

(24) ii. Nehemiah m. Priscilla Perry
iii. Alifleu
iv. Charity
v. Abishai m. Sally Conant
vi. Lucy
(25) vii. Jonas b. 1764 m. Eunice Washburn, 1787
viii. John b. 1766 m. Nancy Packard, Oct. 7, 1788
ix. Abraham b. 1768 m. Mary Bliss
x. Adam m. Joanna Pratt
xi. Sarah
xii. Polly

SECTION (3) DESCENDANTS OF BENJAMIN

12. BENJAMIN JR.
b. (c) 1735 d. .....
m. Elizabeth Doty, 1765
b. 1739 dau. Edward and Mary Andrews Doty
(26) i. Robert b. (c) 1771 d. Jan. 27, 1845 ae 74 (cem.)
m. Mary Conant
ii. Margaret
iii. Betty
iv. Benjamin?

13. JOSEPH I
b. 1725 bap. 1744
d. Mar. 1, 1814 in 80th yr. (Middleboro v.s.)
m. Mercy Dunham
i. John bap. April 10, 1757
(27) ii. Joseph
iii. Hope

14. NATHANIEL
b. (c) 1742 d. .....
m. Susannah Hammond, Mar. 14, 1764 (Rochester v.s.)
i. Benjamin
ii. James
(28) iii. Joshua
iv. Lovina
v. Martha
vi. Nathaniel

15. BARZILLIA
b. 1745 d. 1813
m. Lucy Barrows, Nov. 16, 1759

SECTION (4) DESCENDANTS OF EBENEZER

16. REUBEN Maine Pioneer
b. 1745 d. .....
m. Jan. 7, 1768 Keziah Handy (Sandwich v.s.)
i. Deborah
(29) ii. Reuben Jr. m. Cynthia Besse
iii. Abigail
(30) iv. Jonathan b. July 24, 1774 m. Asenath Smith
v. Samuel
vi. Jemimah
vii. Susan m. Philo Fairbanks

8. JABEZ

Jabez Besse, son of Robert, joined the church in Wareham with his wife Marjery Norris April 7, 1754. They had nine children. In his will dated February 4, 1801 he mentions wife, Marjery, sons Ebenezer, Solomon, Jabez and Ephraim and four unnamed daughters. His son Ephraim is appointed Executor. In March 1775 a town meeting chose Jabez Besse one of two "juri wardons".

9. DAVID

David, son of David joined the Wareham church with his wife Dinah July 4, 1742. She was the daughter of Samuel Muxom and his wife Hannah Perry, a direct descendant of Gov. Prence and of Elder William Brewster. David inherited land from his father, acquired considerably more in Wareham, and was deemed worthy to be called "Mr. David". In 1747 he bought of John Norris 100 acres more or less on each side of the middle jumping brook. In 1751 he was elected at town meeting "to prosecute delinquent constables on behalf of the town". His wife Dinah died in 1765 and is buried in the old Agawam Cemetery. In 1769 he married Experience Snow and it is probable that she was the Experience Besse who married John Bates in 1791. The year of his second marriage David sold to David Besse Jr. (presumably his son), "Cooper", 4 acres of meadow adjoining land of Joshua Besse on the north side of jumping brook. This lot seems to be that on which the house stood in which 4 succeeding Davids lived. His son, Samuel, died in the Revolutionary War: — one daughter married into the Muxom family, and Elizabeth married Ebenezer Tomson of Halifax. His son Jabez married Ruth Besse, daughter of Ebenezer, and moved to Maine.

10. JOSHUA

David's brother Joshua served in the French and Indian War. In 1742 he joined the Wareham church. In 1744 he was

associated with David in a title adjustment with John Norris, and in 1768 with Benjamin in a deed to Thomas Foster. In 1793 he moved with his sons Joshua Jr. and John to Paris, Maine.

11. NEHEMIAH

Another brother, Nehemiah, was early in Wareham, then moved to Bridgewater where his 14 children were born. He and his wife, Sarah Perry, joined the church in Wareham Apr. 7, 1754. He had inherited land in Sandwich from his father and had sold it to Elijah Perry who mentions in his will Sandwich land "lately bought of Nehemiah Besse". (In "Colonial Families" published by the American Historical Society, Nehemiah is called the son of Nehemiah 3. This seems to me possible but unlikely. There is no record of a marriage or of children of Nehemiah, son of Nehemiah. There is a record in Plymouth of Nehemiah, son of David, b. 1729). At the time of the 1790 census a Nehemiah Besse had three sons and was living in Woodstock, Vermont.

12. BENJAMIN JR.

Benjamin Jr.—Presumably the son of Benjamin and born (c) 1735 recorded many deeds involving other members of the Besse family as well as outsiders. His wife, Elizabeth Doty was the daughter of Edward and Mary Andrews Doty of Rochester.

13. JOSEPH

Joseph Besse, b. 1736, who served in the French and Indian War and died of old age, 1814, in his 80th year in Middleboro, was presumably a brother of Benjamin Jr., but I have no proof of this. Benj. Jr. did have a brother Joseph, and I found no other record of a Joseph born to a Besse. According to the Middleboro records in "The Mayflower Descendants", vol. 17, p. 48, Joseph's wife, Mercy Dunham, d. February 16, 1811, at 83 "of old age suddenly". Joseph, too, was diligent in land transactions and recorded them in the Plymouth Registry of Deeds. One interesting deed, dated 1781 is from Francis Wood of Middleboro, "for the quantity of 1600 good bloomered bar iron paid by Joseph Besse, conveyed a cedar swamp. (Note that in 1769 David Besse Jr. is called "Cooper" in a deed from his father). Other deeds to and from Joseph describe him as "yeoman" or as "husbandman".

14. NATHANIEL

Nathaniel, another brother of Benj. Jr. (presumably) went with the army to Canada. He deeded and bought land, de-

scribing himself as "husbandman". His wife, Susannah Hammond was a daughter of Nathaniel and Phebe Hammond of Rochester. In an account of enlisted men from Plymouth County in 1779, a Nathaniel Besse of Rochester is described as 31 years old, 5′ 9″ tall, complexion dark. A Nathaniel died intestate (Wareham) 1871.

15. BARZILLIA

The fourth brother Barzillia d. 1813 in Plymouth, intestate. His deeds call him "of Wareham" and like his brothers, he had many. His chief distinction, however, was as a privateer in the Revolutionary War. His boat was named The Black Snake and he took a prize from the British in 1777.

16. REUBEN

Ebenezer, the brother of Robert, David and Benjamin had only one son, Reuben. He moved to Winthrop, Maine, and was one of the earliest of the pioneers there. His son Jonathan, b. 1775, was the first white male child born in New Sandwich (now Wayne). (History of Wayne).

Chapter III

Fifth Generation

SECTION (1) GRANDSONS OF ROBERT[3]

17. EBENEZER[5]
Bap. 1754, May 19 d. .....
m. (1) Betsy Doty (2) Lucy Kent
i. Cynthia d. July 3, 1856, ae 75
m. Reuben Besse, Jr. (No. 29)
ii. Lucy
iii. Margery m. Atkins (Peru, Maine)
(31) iv. Elisha, son of 2nd wife

18. JABEZ JR.[5]
b. 1746 bap. July 1763 Wareham
d. after 1818 in Maine
m. Sally Allen 1797, Rochester v.s.
i. Dinah
ii. Sally
iii. Stinson
(32) iv. Jabez

SECTION (3) GRANDSONS OF DAVID[3]

19. JABEZ
b. 1738, bap. 1742 Wareham
d. .....
m. Nov. 29, 1759, Ruth Besse,
dau. Ebenezer and Deborah (Wareham ch.)
i. Nathan m. Betsy Saunders 1796 (Middleboro Ints.)
d. June 3, 1800 ae 59 (Cemetery)
ii. Dinah b. 1762 m. Andrew Sturtevant
(Wayne Hist.) Wareham v.s.
iii. Deborah bap. 1774 m. William Wing, had 11 ch.
iv. Ruth bap. 1782 m. Samuel Gould (Wayne)
(34) v. Jabez b. 1765 bap. 1772 m. Patience Perry
dau. David and Mary Perry
(33) vi. Ebenezer bap. 1772 m. Patience Burgess
vii. Samuel bap. 1772 m. Rebecca Blunt,
Winthrop, Maine

20. DAVID[5]
b. May 11, 1743 bap. 1744 (Wareham ch.)
d. 1806
m. May 12, 1763 Jedidah Burgess,
dau. Samuel and Jedidah Gibbs d. 1823 at 76
i. Loranna b. Sept. 27, 1763 m. Barnabas Bates 2nd.
ii. Elizabeth b. Oct. 3, 1765 m. Lot Sturtevant 1790
iii. Seth b. Dec. 22, 1767 d. Feb. 11, 1791 ae 24
(35) iv. David b. Dec. 11, 1769 d. 1849 (cem.)
m. Betsy Conant 1799
v. Alden b. 1772 d. June 27, 180[illegible]

(36) vi. Sylvanus b. Oct. 13, 1773 d. 1853
m. Thankful Bates 1799
vii. Rebecca b. 1775 d. young
(37) viii. Lot b. Mar. 9, 1776 m. Sally Delano ints 1801
ix. Rebecca b. Mar. 24, 1779 m. Matthias Ellis
x. Jedidah b. Feb. 20, 1781
m. Micah Blackwell, Sept. 3, 1806
xi. Charity b. Apr. 4, 1785 m. Jethro Delano ints 1808
xii. Mary (Polly) b. May 29, 1788
m. Melvin Crooker ints 1812
xiii. Abigail b. Jan. 9, 1790
(38) xiv. Samuel b. 1795 d. 1863
m. Elizabeth Young Dec. 31, 1812

21. JOHN
b. Nov. 29, 1744 (Wareham Records in Public Library)
d. .....
m. Nov. 29, 1764 Hannah Cushman b. 1745 d. July 23, 1825
dau. of Caleb Cushman of Hebron
i. Lydia bap. 1777 m. Joseph Besse of Middleboro
ii. Sarah bap. 1777 m. Joseph Sturtevant 1787
(Wareham ch.)
iii. Olive bap. 1777 Wareham m. William Bent
iv. Hannah bap. 1777 m. Holmes Doten
v. Lucy bap. Apr. 30, 1780 (Wareham)
m. Joseph Cole
vi. Caleb b. Apr. 17, 1785
m. Abigail Packard (Wareham ch.)
vii. Huldah m. Joshua Benson, May 1790
2nd Seth Sturtevant, 1823
(39) viii. John b. 1782 m. Betsy Tripp, Sept. 25, 1803
(Hist. of Paris)

22. JOSHUA Moved to Paris (History of Paris)
bap. Oct. 12, 1755 1793 with sons John & Joshua
d. Oct. 1835, Bethel, Maine.
After 1803 when he was living in Paris, Me.
m. Dec. 15, 1781 (1) Mary (or Mercy) Morton
b. 1762 (Wareham)
(2) Mrs. Silence Churchill Benson
i. Patty b. Wareham 1787 m. Lewis Monk
ii. Betsy m. Isaac Jackson m.(2) as his 2nd wife
iii. Anthony b. 1791, Wareham m. Thankful Stearns
iv. Seth b. Wareham m. Susan Pratt
v. Lydia b. 1795 (Paris, Me.) m. Mark Emery
vi. Joshua B.
vii. Polly b. 1797, Paris m. Theodore Stearns
viii. Mery b. 1795 (Paris) d. 1816

ix. Nancy b. 1799 (Paris) m. Jacob Jackson

m. (2) Mrs. Silence Churchill Benson

i. Joshua 3rd b. Paris 1802

ii. Charity b. Paris 1804 m. John Thurlow

iii. Mahala b. Paris 1806 m. Sumner Stearns

23. SILAS

bap. Nov. 19, 1758

m. Abigail Bates, 1781 She d. 1850, dau. of Barnabas and Phoebe Bates

d. May 22, 1846 at 87 (Wareham cem.)

i. Anselm b. 1782

(40) ii. Asa b. 1784 m. Abia Gibbs

iii. Elizabeth b. 1786

iv. Silas Jr. b. 1788 d. 1815 m. Hulda

v. Abigail b. 1790

vi. Phoebe b. 1793

(41) vii. Joshua b. 1795

viii. John B. b. 1797

ix. Constant b. 1799 d. 1871 Wareham

24. NEHEMIAH[5] Moved to Pomfret, Conn., and to Woodstock, Vt.

bap. 1755

d. .....

m. Feb. 26, 1778 Priscilla Perry sister of William

i. Lyman (or son of Anthony, also in Woodstock)

25. JONAS

bap. 1764

m. Sept. 20, 1787, Eunice Washburn, both of Bridgewater

i. Mary

ii. Thankful

iii. Lydia

iv. Adam

v. Jonas

(42) vi. Ansel

SECTION (3) GRANDCHILDREN OF BENJAMIN[3]

26. ROBERT

b. 1771, Mar. 27

d. Jan. 27, 1845 ae 74 (Wareham cem.)

m. Feb. 2, 1793, Mary Conant (b. May 21, 1774, Wareham, dau. of William & Bethia Lothrop Conant d. May 6, 1866 ae 91, Wareham

i. Benjamin

ii. Lewis

iii. Robert

(43) iv. John C.

27. JOSEPH of Middleboro (Maine, History of Paris)
b. .....
d. .....
m. Lydia Besse, dau. of John & Hannah
(44) i. Warren m. Margery Gammon, changed his name
ii. Elisha m. Mrs. ..... Verrill
iii. John m. Ruth Allen
iv. Joseph Jr.
(45) v. Alden (Capt.) b. 1807 m. Laodicea Benson
vi. Polly m. Gershom Cole
vii. Sally m. Nathaniel Billings
viii. Laodicia m. Ephraim Harlow
ix. Hannah m. Willard Andrews

28. JOSHUA
b. 1769
d. 1838 at 70
m. Betsy Roper b. 1788 (Rochester v.s.) d. 1875?
(46) i. Charles bap. 1798
(47) ii. Andrew bap. 1798 m. Eunice Holmes, 1825
iii. Artemesia bap. 1798
iv. Betsy bap. 1798 m. Robert Galt of Baltimore (Rochester v.s.)
v. Gilson bap. 1798
vi. James bap. 1798
vii. Lois bap. 1798 m. John Smith of Edgartown
viii. Mary bap. 1798
ix. Phoebe bap. 1798 m. Solomon Bradford, 1822
x. Wm. Roper bap. 1798 m. Elizabeth Sturtevant, dau. of Lot & Elizabeth Besse Sturtevant

SECTION (4) GRANDSON OF EBENEZER

29. REUBEN[4] Winthrop, Maine
b. 1771 bap. 1772
d. Jan. 11, 1864, 93 yrs, 6 mos. (Cemetery Wayne)
m. Cynthia Besse, dau. of Ebenezer[5], Jabez[4], Robert[3], She died July 3, 1856 ae 75.
i. Caroline d. 1817 ae 5 yrs.
ii. Reuben III b. 1769 m. 1800, Wareham, Celia Burgess
iii. Alexander d. Mar. 21, 1863 ae 44
iv.
v.
vi.
vii.
viii.
ix.

30. JONATHAN
b. 1775, July 4 Winthrop, Maine
m. Asenath Smith (48) i. Jonathan Belden, b. 1820

Already several members of what had been a tightly integrated group of Besses had moved to Maine, some perhaps attracted by what they saw when they went north to fight the French, some to take up grants of land they had never seen in payment from the government for their military services. In the 5th generation a great migration occurred, and from then on, the two locations claimed about equal concentrations of Besses. Maine was still a part of Massachusetts. The Wareham church often recorded births and deaths from Maine, and contacts were maintained between the two branches. However, descendants of Robert and of Ebenezer born after the 4th generation disappear from Cape Cod. David's and Benjamin's are found in both places. I have been unable to check the V. S. and church records of Maine and have depended mostly on cemetery lists and inscriptions, reminiscenses and on family documents for the information about Maine families.

17. EBENEZER

Ebenezer, the grandson of Robert married at Plymouth but thereafter was associated with Peru, Maine, where his two married daughters went to live and where the family of his son Elisha had a record of distinguished military service.

19. JABEZ

Jabez, son of David and Dinah married Ruth Besse, daughter of Ebenezer and Deborah. He was a soldier in the Revolution, a noted athlete, and a member of the church in Wareham. He became almost a mythical character, still spoken of with considerable awe by his descendants. His wife Ruth was the first person to be buried in the cemetery at Wayne where 4 generations of Besses followed her. A descendant, Mrs. Mabel Besse Howard, wrote in her genealogical record made for the family, "Jabez Besse went to Cape Breton in the French and Indian War and assisted in taking Louisburg (Hurd's History of Plymouth County). Grandfather Besse (Woodin, son of Jabez) had his powder horn marked with his initials and date, also his musket. It is said that when Jabez Besse Jr. and his wife Patience journed from Wareham to Wayne, their eldest child, Woodin, was a baby. They went by water to Hallowell and then the wife rode horseback carrying the baby in her arms and her husband walked 15 miles from Hallowell leading the horse through woods, finding the way by marked trees. Patience Perry Besse (wife of Jabez Jr.) was a quick motioned

woman, small and quiet. She always entertained the minister and was a great Methodist. It was a happy moment for her when her seven sons sang in the church choir. Her daughter Catherine was very fond of flowers and set out grandpa's juniper tree which out-lived him and was a landmark."

Woodin, mentioned above, had two grandsons, William Henry and Milton Granville. William's son, William Henry had a son Frank Adelbert who graduated from Dental College and has come back to Massachusetts to live at Orleans. His son Albion also lives there and has been most helpful in providing this information. Milton's daughter, Mrs. Ericson of Brunswick has also contributed greatly in my search for people and places.

Another son of Jabez and Ruth was Ebenezer who married Patience Burgess and lived in Hallowell, Maine.

20. DAVID

Jabez's brother David who owned the land and house where his father had lived, continued to stay there. He married Jedidah Burge, daughter of Samuel and Jedidah Gibbs Burge (she was a direct descendant of Richard Warren of the Mayflower, through her mother). David and Jedidah had fourteen children, two of the daughters married husbands who took them to Maine. Elizabeth married Lot Sturtevant and Jedidah married Micah Blackwell. The sons all remained in the Wareham area. Seth died at 24, Alden at 29, before either had married. Alden left his property to his brothers and sisters to be divided equally after his father's death. His brother Sylvanus bought the interest of his other three brothers and seven sisters, giving him a clear title to the homestead which had previously been deeded to Sylvanus and Alden jointly. (I have their unrecorded deeds).

All four brothers, David, Lot, Sylvanus and Samuel stayed in or near Wareham. They each owned "vessels" and went to sea in them. David and Sylvanus also farmed, bought and sold real estate, owned pews in church and lived near each other. Descendants of Lot and Samuel made careers in seamanship. Sylvanus bought land. In the families of David and Samuel there were disasters at sea, and someone named David in 1811 had to have a guardian because of excessive spending and drinking. Whoever it was, seemed to have recovered, as nothing further was heard of it. One of David's daughters, Cynthia, lived with us in my childhood. She had gone to sea with her father, had strange and wonderful tales to tell, and she always had a hidden cache of peppermints in her room. She was a witty, resourceful, genial, plump and cozy comfort

in all our mishaps and sorrows. Samuel was a noted pilot. His son, Alden, achieved distinction as a wise and kind citizen, captain of ships, member of the legislature and a community benefactor. His son Frank was President of the bank in Wareham, one grandson, Harry, is President of the Boston Stock Exchange, and the others, Presidents of banks in Wareham and Hyannis.

Lot moved to New Bedford. His son, Lot, and wife Hannah Tilton were the parents of four seafaring men, famous for their physical strength and their fearlessness. John was a whaling Captain whose logs are cherished. His grandnephew, Eldred, remembers being with him when he shot a goose which came down in slush ice. He swam through it and recovered the goose. William is said to have killed the whales he hunted by jumping on their backs and harpooning them. James was in Charleston when it was bombarded; he enlisted in the Navy, was made a Captain, and put in charge of bringing boats safely to shore. Once he brought a schooner in, but in the process was frozen to the deck. They chopped him free and he recovered. It was said that he began each day by putting on his cap and then lighting his pipe, after which he was ready to dress.

Eldred is President of the Fairhaven Water Co., and has a summer home at Mashpee on land originally owned by Richard Bourne. He is a painter of pictures in his spare time, has many views of the Cape and surrounding waters, and one of the Ancient Mariner.

Sylvanus was called "Mariner" in his deeds, and his grave in Wareham Cemetery reads "In Memory of Capt. Sylvanus Besse". He joined the church with his wife, as all his forebears had done. They had three daughters, but only one son. To him the homestead and property was deeded, subject to the use of Capt. Sylvanus and his wife during their life time. Their son Silvanus had three sons, but two of them died early, leaving only Lyman. He eventually sold the property and went into business, first in Bridgewater, then Westfield, Bridgeport and finally Springfield, to which he moved in 1888. He established a chain of clothing stores known as The Besse System and bought the real estate where most of them were located. His son Arthur became President of the National Association of Wool Manufacturers.

22. JOSHUA

Joshua Besse who moved to Maine with his two sons established there a large colony of Besses. His son John fought in the Revolution, married Hannah Cushman, daughter of Caleb. Hannah on July 23, 1825 "died in the road while she

was returning home from Silas Maxim's house. (Hist. of Paris). She left six children, forty-eight grandchildren and forty-five great grandchildren. The Cushman, Besse, Maxim and Benson families seem to have been involved together in Wareham's great scandal, when the beautiful Abigail, wife of Edmund Muxum was tried for adultery and dismissed from the church. She was accused of sinning with Joseph Benson and her accusers were Hannah Besse and Caleb Cushman. Although Abigail was the one dismissed, she stayed on in Wareham. Caleb, his daughter Hannah and several Bensons all moved to Maine. John and his son John were among the first inhabitants of Paris, Maine when the town was called Lot No. 4. John Jr. married Betsy Tripp and had fourteen children: Sylvester became a Baptist Minister, Erastus, one of whose sons, Alden, became a doctor, and another, William Nathaniel a minister, was the grandfather of Mrs. Ruth Conti who has co-operated in accumulating these statistics. Another son was Augustus Harlock who moved back to Massachusetts where he became Superintendent of Highways in Peabody. His son Irvin, born in Peabody, moved to Newburyport where he was mayor, and where he invented and marketed the fire door. Irvin's grandson, named for him, now lives in Yarmouth where he is Vice President of the Barnstable County Mutual Fire Insurance Company. I am indebted to him for information regarding his ancestors.

The only descendants of Benjamin in the 5th generation from Anthony of whom I have a record are Robert, son of Benjamin Jr. and Joseph Jr., son of Joseph. Robert's son John, was the father of Phoebe, who married Edward Besse and of John Jr., who married Augusta Besse. Edward and Phoebe were the ancestors of Ralph Besse of Cleveland, Ohio, President of the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, who is active in civic affairs, a newly elected Director of American Airlines and a very helpful co-worker in the collecting of information about the Besse family.

Joseph Jr. "of Middleboro" fought in the Revolution and moved to Paris, Maine. He had a large family, among them a son named Warren. Warren's son, Warren, changed his name when he became 21 and called himself Warren H. Vinton. The History of Paris calls him "a fluent and interesting speaker and able in debate. He was Supervisor of Schools and Selectman of Gray, Commissioner of Publication of the Revised Statutes in 1857, Trustee of the Reform School, Member of the House, 1857-73, and of the Senate, 1854, 62, 77 and 78. The last year its President". Did he decide to change his name because he thought Besse not a good name for a man running for pub-

lic office? Or was he disassociating himself from an aunt who had named a child, "American Liberty"?

Ebenezer's descendants in the same generation were Reuben Jr. and Jonathan, both of Maine. Reuben Jr. married Cynthia, daughter of Ebenezer, and had eleven children, according to the history of Wayne. Jonathan's son, Jonathan Belden was born in Wayne, but established a tannery in Clinton, Maine, which is now operated by his grandson, Frank Arnold. Jonathan Belden had five sons, one of whom was Everett, father of Frank, one was Frank Leslie who took over the tannery after his father. Frank Leslie and his wife had no children, but were greatly interested in their welfare, and when he prospered in the tannery, gave land for a new school in Albion, which bears his name. He had many philanthropic interests. Since his death in 1926, Frank Arnold has been in charge of the business. He has also served in the legislature, has been its President and has held other civic offices. A sister of his is married to Mr. Hilton Buley, President of New Haven State College in Connecticut. Mr. Besse has responded generously to my requests for information and is another addition to the pleasant, new acquaintances which this study has brought.

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Chapter IV

Sixth Generation

SECTION (1) GREATGRANDSONS OF ROBERT

31. ELISHA In War of 1812
b. 1772
d. Oct. 28, 1881 ae 86
m. Lois Dexter
i. Rebecca
ii. Lucy
iii. Charles
iv. Mercy
v. Lois m. C. E. Smith
vi. Mary m. S. G. Carson
vii. Constant
viii. Elisha Jr.
ix. Samuel } in war with Mexico and Civil War
x. George }

32. JABEZ (Wayne)
Bap. 1763
d.
m.

SECTION (2) GREAT GRANDCHILDREN OF DAVID[3]

33. EBENEZER[4]
b. ..... bap. 1772
d. .....
m. Patience Burgess
i. Warren b. Mar. 18, 1797 (Wayne)
ii. Henrietta b. Aug. 25, 1798
iii. Lot Handy b. Dec. 26, 1799
iv. Braddock b. July 21, 1801
v. Ebenezer b. Feb. 5, 1803 d. Nov. 13, 1890, 82 yrs., 6 mos. (Wayne Cem.)
vi. George b. Oct. 6, 1804
vii. Loisa b. July 17, 1806 d. 1806
m. John Smith of Edgartown
viii. Mary Ann b. Nov. 21, 1807 d. Nov. 30, 1834 at 26
ix. Julia Ann b. Sept. 25, 1808
x. ..... Child of Ebenezer d. Jan. 11, 1812 (Hallowell v.s.)

34. JABEZ
b. Oct. 31, 1765 bap. 1772
d. Oct. 6, 1833 ae 68 (Cemetery)
m. Patience Perry, 1786 b. Jan. 24, 1767 d. Apr. 18, 1848 ae 81, Wareham, dau. David & Mary Bumpas Perry
(49) i. Woodin b. Oct. 10, 1786 d. Apr. 3, 1873

(50) ii. Edward Perry b. Dec. 23, 1789 d. Aug. 19, 1859
iii. David b. Wayne, Feb. 22, 1792 d. Feb. 9, 1827
iv. Samuel b. Sept. 20, 1793 d. Nov. 19, 1869
v. Mary b. Nov. 27, 1795 d. July 2, 1814
m. Sturtevant (cemetery)
vi. Wager Lee b. Apr. 26, 1797 d. June 22, 1877 at 79
(51) vii. Curtis b. Nov. 19, 1798 d. 1841 Lowell, Mass.
viii. Eliza Dexter b. July 28, 1804 d. Dec. 3, 1870
ix. Ruth b. Sept. 1805 m. Jonathan Pinkham
d. Apr. 21, 1843 (Cemetery says Apr. 26, 1842)
x. Patience b. Apr. 15, 1806 d. 1821
xi. Catherine b. July 26, 1808 d. Feb. 11, 1855
m. Bosworth
xii. Jabez Jr. b. Feb. 13, 1811 d. May 10, 1873, Lowell

35. DAVID
b. 1769, Dec. 11
d. Aug. 9, 1849 at 80 (Cemetery)
m. 1799, Betsy Conant d. Jan. 14, 1827
(52) i. Seth b. 1802 d. Feb. 1857 ae 55 (Cemetery)
m. Sarah Briggs Besse
(53) ii. William 1804-1829 m. Sarah Briggs
Lost at sea (Cemetery)
iii. Lothrop Augustus b. June 18, 1812 d. 1827 ae 14
(Church rec.)
(54) iv. David b. 1806 d. 1870 ae 63 (Cemetery)

36. SYLVANUS
b. Oct. 13, 1773, Wareham
d. Apr. 17, 1853
m. May 15, 1800, Thankful Bates, Wareham v.s. (Ch. rec.)
i. Elizabeth b. 1801 m. Nov. 4, 1821, Josiah Bourn
ii. Hannah b. 1804 d. Jan. 3, 1867
m. Mar. 2, 1823, Obediah Crowell
iii. Jedidah b. 1806 d. May 25, 1864, unmarried
(55) iv. Silvanus b. 1809 d. July 21, 1865
m. Lucy Waterman

37. LOT
b. 1776, Mar. 9
d. Apr. 5, 1836 ae 59 (Acushnet Cemetery)
m. Sally Delano, Dec. 10, 1801 (intentions)
i. Alden b. 1803 d. Oct. 20, 1820 at 17
(56) ii. Lot b. Jan. 1, 1807 d. July 10, 1881
(Riverside Cem.) Fairhaven

38. SAMUEL
b. Aug. 3, 1785, Wareham v.s.
d. Aug. 17, 1863, 77 yrs., 11 mos., 17 days Wareham Cem.
m. Dec. 31, 1812, Elizabeth Young

(57) i. Charles Henry 1815 - 1892

(58) ii. Samuel 1817-1860, fell from mast m. Clarissa Swift
iii. Isaac 1817-1849, lost at sea m. Betsy Jenny

(59) iv. Alden 1821-1903 m. Betsy Jenny Besse

(60) v. Rhodolphus b. 1823 d. Mar. 5, 1878 m. Mary Lucas

39. JOHN (From History of Peru)
b. 1782, Feb. 8, Wareham
d. 1867, July 16, at Hebron
m. 1803, Sept. 25, Betsy Tripp of Hebron. b. Edgartown, July 5, 1785

(61) i. Erastus b. July 26, 1804 m. Sally Smith (2) Ruth Seward
ii. Cyrus b. Jan. 26, 1806 m. Mary Bemis
iii. Miranda b. Sept 13, 1807 d. (c) 1822
iv. Oline b. Oct. 30, 1809 m. Johnson Holt
v. John Grafton b. July 17, 1811. Killed in steamboat explosion on Mississippi
vi. Betsy Orson b. June 5, 1811 m. Ethic Farrar

(62) vii. Sylvester b. June 25, 1815 Baptist Minister
viii. Roxalana b. June 18, 1817 m. George Wight

(63) ix. Henry Osgood b. June 3, 1821 m. Almira Crooker
x. Hannah b. June 2, 1823 m. Henry Watkins
xi. Sarah b. June 18, 1825 Unmarried

(64) xii. Fessenden

(65) xiii. Augustus Harlock b. Mar. 15, 1829
xiv. Charles Brainard b. Sept. 11, 1831 m. (1) Hannah H. Galleson (2) Aravesta Whitman Rawson

40. ASA
b. 1784
d. .....
m. Abia Gibbs

(66) i. Elisha b. 1815 Lost at sea 1849
ii. Silas b. 1817 d. 1900 (Cemetery stone)
iii. Seth G. b. 1820
iv. Mary Ann 1822
v. Asa B. b. 1825 (Living 1876) d. 1900 m. Jerusha Swift

41. JOSHUA
b. 1795
d. 1874
m. Nancy Nichols
i. George d. 1837

42. ANSEL
b. 1782
d. .....
m. Martha Cove
i. Juliette m. William Smith
ii. Addie
(67) iii. Alfred b. 1837 d. 1917 m. Elizabeth McFarland
iv. William m. Amanda Stevens

SECTION (3) GREAT GRANDCHILDREN OF BENJAMIN

43. JOHN C.
b. 1811
d. 1870
m. Phoebe Eldridge, dau. Elnathan & Abbie Young Eldridge
(68) i. Phoebe b. 1832 m. Edward Besse, son of Edward & Hannah Gibbs Besse
ii. Sally b. 1834 m. ..... Hall
iii. Abby b. 1836 m. ..... Nightengale
iv. Juline b. 1839 m. ..... Tripp
v. Margaret b. 1842 m. Reuben Lovell
vi. John C. Jr. m. Augusta Besse dau. of William & Lucy Rider Besse
William S. of Edgar & Harriet (Bridgewater)

44. WARREN (History of Paris, Me.)
b. .....
d. .....
m. Margery Gammon
(69) i. Warren b. 1821, Mar. 5
ii. Albion b. 1823, Oct. 4
iii. Charlotte b. 1827, Aug. 24
iv. Franklin b. 1831, Jan. 3

45. ALDEN
b. Apr. 16, 1807
d. .....
m. Laodicia Benson, dau. Elnathan & Sarah Gibbs Benson (of Hebron)

ii. Florinda b. Nov. 7, 1830 m. Aaron Cobb
iii. Lydia b. 1833 m. Shubel Baker
iv. Mary Helen b. 1835 m. Augustus Pearson
v. Annie m. Frank Merrill
(70) vi. Alden Marion m. Josephine Waldron
m. (2) Sarah Lane
vi. Alvin Sturtevant m. Alfretta Turner

46. CHARLES Joshua[5]
(71) i. Charles F. b. 1830

47. ANDREW
m. 1825, Eunice Holmes
(72) i. John b. 1830
ii. Nathan b. 1832

SECT. (4) GREAT GRANDCHILDREN OF EBENEZER

48. JONATHAN BELDEN
b. 1820 (Wayne)
d. .....
m. 1852 (1) Isabella Hopkins d. 1870 in Albion
1882 (2) Mary Springer (no children)
i. Mary b. 1853-1869
ii. George b. 1855-1869
iii. Hannah m. Trask
iv. Frank Leslie b. 1859-1926 m. Mary Proctor
(73) v. Everett b. 1861-1940
m. Jesse Rowe (1865-1940) Albion
vi. Byron b. 1865 died young
vii. Bertie b. 1868 died young

Chapter V

Seventh Generation

49. WOODIN
b. 1786, Oct. 10
d. 1873, Apr. 3 ae 85 yrs, 5 mos. Cemetery says 1872 (History of Maine)
m. Betsy Kent b. 1793 d. 1875 ae 82 yrs, 9 mos. (Cem.)
(74) i. William Granville b. 1820 d. 1902

50. EDWARD P. Probably this Edward
b. Dec. 23, 1789, Wayne, Maine
d. Aug. 19, 1859
m. Hannah Gibbs
i. Benjamin b. 1817
ii. Ann b. 1820
(75) iii. Edward A. 1823-1892
iv. William F. 1826
v. Charles b. 1829
vi. Lydia bap. 1832
vii. Susan bap. 1832
viii. Elizabeth bap. 1832
ix. Hannah b. 1832
x. Samuel G. 1835
xi. James 1838
xii. Sidney 1841

51. CURTIS
b. 1798, Nov. 19 m. Maria (Lowell, Mass. v.s.)
i. Marcia
ii. Martha
iii. Henry C.

52. SETH
b. 1802 m. Sarah Briggs Besse (Wareham)
d. Feb. 19, 1857 ae 55 (Cemetery)
i. Nancy
ii. Abby
iii. Seth Lost at sea

53. WILLIAM (Wareham)
b. 1804
d. 1829 Lost at sea
m. Sarah Briggs (d. 1880—Cem. rec.)
i. Sarah m. Lewis Perry
(76) ii. William (Capt.) b. Dec. 2, 1828 d. Apr. 10, 1900
m. Harriet Clark Briggs

54. DAVID L. Wareham Cemetery
b. 1806 and Library records
d. Feb. 4, 1870 ae 63
m. 1809, Salome White
m. (2) Emily Knowlton
i. Cynthia b. Feb. 27, 1835 d. Jan. 18, 1899
m. Edward Miles
ii. Salome m. Frank Sanburn of N. Y.
iii. Lothrop 1836-1872
iv. David 1842-1864
v. Henry 1839-1871
vi. Alvin m. Minnie Blankenship
vii. Emma 1851-1911 (by 2nd wife)
m. 1870 (Erastus) Powers

55. SILVANUS (Family Bible)
b. 1809
d. 1865
m. 1832 in Vernon, Vt. Lucy Ann Waterman, 1815-1899
dau. of Rev. Jotham & Olive Phinney Waterman
i. Olive b. June 21, 1833 d. Oct. 10, 1910
m. 1850, Samuel Sherman
ii. Lucy Ann b. Dec. 14, 1834 d. 1914
m. 1851, Henry Briggs
m. (2) Asa Brown, M.D.
iii. Sylvanus Foster b. Sept. 7, 1836 d. Feb. 11, 1862
iv. Deborah b. July 4, 1842 d. Mar. 26, 1876
m. Willard Luce
v. Maria Sturgis b. July 12, 1846 d. Dec 7, 1924
m. May 5, 1869, Charles Fenner
vi. Anthony W. b. May 18, 1848 d. Aug. 3, 1872
m. Sophia Doten (d. 1871)
(77) vii. Lyman Waterman b. Mar. 9, 1854 d. Apr. 10, 1936
m. Feb. 25, 1879, Henrietta Segee

56. LOT (Mr. Eldred Besse)
b. 1807
d. 1881
m. Hannah Tilton
(78) i. Charles
(79) ii. James T.
(80) iii. John T.
iv. William

57. CHARLES HENRY
b. 1815 Wareham
d. 1892 ae 76 yrs., 8 mos., 7 days (Cemetery)

m. (1) Hannah Chipman (d. 1867) ae 60-5-25 (Cemetery)
(2) Mary Shurtleff (d. 1905) ae 68-11-24 (Cemetery)
dau. of Sylvanus & Caroline Keen

i. Sylvanus
ii. Caroline

58. SAMUEL
b. 1817
d. 1860 in fall from mast
m. Clarissa Swift b. 1817 d. 1904 (Cemetery rec.)
i. Ann Louise d. 1842 ae 4 mos.
ii. Adeline Clark b. July 10, 1849 d. July 12, 1924
iii. Samuel died in infancy, 1848
iv. Theodore b. 1844 d. 1896

59. ALDEN
b. 1821 Wareham
d. 1903, July 27 "
m. Betsy Jenny Besse, widow of brother Isaac
(81) i. Frank Alden 1858-1924 m. Mary Gammons

60. RHODOLPHUS
b. 1823 Wareham
d. 1878, Mar. 5 (Cemetery rec.)
m. Mary Lucas
i. Mary b. May 28, 1875 d. ae 25 yrs., 5 mos.
Cemetery
ii. Josephine d. May 9, 1853 ae 16 mos.
iii. Sophia L. b. 1854 d. 1900
iv. Nathaniel b. 1855 d. 1918 m. Sophie Ruggles
m. (2) Celia Leclair

61. ERASTUS (Spelled name Bessey)
b. July 26, 1804
d. 1870
m. Sally Smith (2) Ruth Steward, 1836
(82) i. Hansard b. Mar. 31, 1836 m. Lucy Guptel
ii. Alden E., 1838-1863 (M.D.) Waterville, Me.,
m. Helen Morton
iii. Joseph 1834-1861 Enlisted in Tenn. Killed in
battle, Aug. 1861
iv. Seward
v. William Nathaniel, St. Louis, Mo. (D.D.)
b. Apr. 23, 1856, Augusta m. Elizabeth Poole
their dau. Ruth Anne Bessey m. A. John Conti
vi. Edward

62. SILVESTER
b. June 25, 1815

63. HENRY O. m. Almira Crooker
b. .....
i. George

64. FESSENDEN m. Harmony Alger
i. Jennie
ii. Caroline
iii. Maryetta
(83) iv. Henry

65. AUGUSTUS HARLOCK
b. Mar. 15, 1829
d. .....
m. .....
(84) i. Irvin

66. ELISHA GIBBS
b. .....
d. Dec. 15, 1847 (lost at sea)
m. Charlotte
i. Elisha b. 1847 m. Eldora Robinson

67. ALFRED
b. 1837
d. 1917
m. Elizabeth McFarland
i. Mary m. (1) Gilmore Weeks (2) George Weeks
ii. Juliette m. William Smith
iii. Maude m. William Sides
iv. Charles b. 1867 m. Mamy Avery, 1895

DESCENDANT OF BENJAMIN

68. PHOEBE
b. 1832
d. (c) 1860
m. Edward Besse, 1846
i. Ellen Grafton b. 1848 m. Daniel Cain
ii. Phoebe b. 1852
iii. Viola Florence m. Thomas Munroe
iv. Eliza Jane m. Harry Holton
(85) v. George Herbert m. Margaret A. Moore

69. WARREN (changed his name to Warren H. Vinton)
b. 1821
d. .....
m. .....

70. ALDEN MARION
b. .....
d. .....
m. (1) Josephine Waldron (2) Sarah Lane
i. Lester b. 1859
ii. Winfield b. 1860
iii. Manley b. 1871

71. CHARLES

72. JOHN (b. 1830) and NATHAN (b. 1832) Lost at sea, 1848

DESCENDANT OF EBENEZER

73. EVERETT
b. 1861
d. 1940
m. Jessie Rowe, 1888
i. Floyd 1890-1932 m. Caroline Abbott
ii. Carroll 1893-1934 m. Mildred Fields
(86) iii. Frank Arnold 1899- m. Doris Dickey
iv. Arline 1903- m. H. Buley
v. Erdine 1905 m. M. R. Dalloff
vi. Harland 1906 m. Louise Blaisdell

Chapter VI

Eighth Generation

74. WILLIAM GRANVILLE
b. 1820, Aug. 25 (Wayne)
d. 1902
m. Elizabeth Currier, 1847
(87) i. William Henry 1848-1930 m. Laura A. Prince
(88) ii. Milton Granville 1853- m. Annie True

75. EDWARD
b. 1823
d. 1892

76. WILLIAM
b. Dec. 2, 1828
d. Apr. 10, 1900
m. Harriet Clark Briggs
i. Katherine m. Kuen
ii. Walter
iii. Frederick
(89) iv. William 1858-1876 Lost at sea

77. LYMAN
b. Mar. 9, 1854 Wareham
d. Apr. 10, 1930
m. Feb. 25, 1879, Henrietta Segee
i. Gertrude L. b. Apr. 22, 1881 m. Stanley King
ii. Florence F. b. May 26, 1885
m. (1) Kingman Brewster
m. (2) Edward Ballantine
(90) iii. Arthur L. b. Apr. 13, 1887 m. Eleanor Pass
iv. Helen W. b. July 18, 1889 m. Daniel Burbank
v. Edith N. b. Dec. 2, 1891 m. Edwin Holmes
vi. Lucy B. b. May 19, 1897 m. John Mitchell

78. CHARLES
b. ..... Fairhaven
d. .....
m. .....
i. Walter
ii. Bertha m. ..... Rivenbach

79. JAMES Fairhaven
b. 1837
d. 1901
m. Malissa Durfee
i. Madeline m. ..... Caswell
ii. Seth m. Clara Phinney
(91) iii. Edward m. Lillian Jones

80. JOHN
b. .....
d. .....
m. Lottie
i. Lot b. 1914 m. Fanny

81. FRANK Wareham
b. 1858
d. 1924
m. Mary Gammons
(92) i. Edward b. 1891-
ii. Alden b. 1894 d. 1894
(93) iii. Gerard b. 1896
(94) iv. Harry b. 1898
v. Justine b. 1912 m. Russell Sweet

82. HANSARD
b. Mar. 31 1836
d. 1874
m. Lucy Guptell
i. Everett
ii. Elmer
iii. Mabel

83. HENRY
b. .....
d. .....
m. .....
i. George Henry
ii. Caleb d. ae 83 (of Woodstock, once of Paris)

84. IRVIN
b. ..... Peabody
d. .....
m. .....
(95) i. Harold Augustus
ii. Stanley

DESCENDANTS OF BENJAMIN

85. George Herbert
b. Aug. 15, 1850
d. Dec. 18, 1928
m. Margaret Moore
i. George H.
ii. Emma
iii. Edward A.
(96) iv. Jesse Allman

DESCENDANT OF EBENEZER

86. FRANK ARNOLD
b. March 1, 1899, Albion, Maine
d. .....
m. Doris Hickey, Nov. 18, 1933, Clinton, Maine
i. Frank Everett
b. Jan. 23, 1935, Waterville, Maine
m. Buela Corbett, 1961, Princeton, Maine
i. Jill Maureen b. Aug. 6, 1962
ii. Jonathan Frank b. Nov. 16, 1964

Chapter VII
Ninth and Tenth Generations

Ninth Generation

DESCENDANTS OF DAVID

87. WILLIAM HENRY
b. 1848
d. 1930
m. Laura Augusta Prince (1846-1915)
i. Mary Elizabeth
ii. Mabel
(97) iii. Henry Leslie b. 1874
(98) iv. Frank Adelbert b. 1875 m. Florence Smith

88. MILTON GRANVILLE
b. 1853
d. .....
m. (1) Annie True
i. Muriel m. Hugo Ericson
(2) Louisa Gay
i. Walter
(3) Ida Warren
i. Amy

89. WILLIAM
b. 1858
d. 1876

90. ARTHUR
b. Apr. 13, 1887, Bridgeport, Conn.
d. Nov. 24, 1951, New York City
m. Feb. 23, 1918, Eleanor Pass, Syracuse, N. Y.
(99) i. Arthur
(100) ii. Richard
(101) iii. Alden

91. EDWARD LINDEN
b. 1863 Fairhaven
d. 1951 (Cotuit Cemetery)
m. Lillian Jones
(102) i. Eldred b. 1888 m. Madeline Kershaw
ii. Lillian
iii. Edward Jr. b. 1901 d. 1963 (Cotuit Cemetery)
iv. Allen

92. EDWARD (son of Frank)
b. Feb. 13, 1891
d. .....
m. Nov. 2, 1912 (1) Deborah Ellis
i. Mary b. Oct. 28, 1916 m. Leslie Cocke
ii. Edward Gammons b. May 20, 1918
m. Marguerite McCarthy
iii. Frank Alden 2nd. b. Apr. 2, 1921
m. (1) Frances Lay
(2) Mrs. Carol McClanahan (Miller)
iv. Marcia b. May 10, 1925 m. C. Ralph Titchenal

93. GERARD C.
b. 1896, June 28
m. Dec. 21, 1917 Gladys H. Busiere
i. Gerard Jr. b. Feb. 17, 1919
ii. Bryant B. b. Dec. 5, 1923
iii. Bruce Alden b. Aug. 14, 1928

94. HARRY
b. 1898
m. Jan. 11, 1927 Olive Brett

95. HAROLD AUGUSTUS
b. ... Peabody
d. ... Newburyport
m. .....
(103) i. Irvin

DESCENDANT OF BENJAMIN

96. JESSE ALLMAN
b. Feb. 21, 1880 Shadyville, Ohio
m. Hope Fish
i. Fred b. Nov. 28, 1903 m. Erma deRoy Fyack
ii. George b. Feb. 27, 1912 m. Mary Kreiner
(104) iii. Ralph b. Nov. 23, 1905 m. Augusta W. Mitchell

Tenth Generation

DESCENDANTS OF DAVID

97. HENRY LESLIE
b. 1874
m. (1) Elizabeth Teller (2) ... Andrews
i. Gordon
ii. Elmore

98. FRANK ADELBERT
b. 1875
m. Florence Smith
i. Albion

99. ARTHUR JR.
b. Sept. 26, 1919
d. .....
m. Aug. 14, 1943 Virginia Weston, Edgartown
i. Carol b. 1946
ii. Stephen b. 1949
iii. Ann b. 1952

100. RICHARD
b. Dec. 27, 1920
d. .....
m. July 10, 1948 Janet Starkweather Scarsdale
i. Susan Kent b. 1950
ii. Jonathan Tupper b. 1952
iii. Christina Lyman b. 1955
iv. David Starkweather b. 1957

101. ALDEN
b. July 11, 1924
m. Oct. 12, 1957 Barbara Ham Washington, D. C.
i. Linda b. Apr. 13, 1959
ii. Mark Alden b. Dec. 24, 1960

102. ELDRED
b. 1888
m. Madeline Kershaw
i. Neil

103. IRVIN

DESCENDANT OF BENJAMIN

104. RALPH M.
b. Nov. 23, 1905 Shadyville, Ohio
m. Aug. 28, 1934 Augusta W. Mitchell
i. Jean Elizabeth b. Nov. 8, 1937
m. Ralph C. Minehart, Aug. 28, 1959
ii. William Truman b. July 1, 1940
iii. Robert Allen b. May 21, 1947

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